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Vilsack Submits Plan to Streamline State Administrative Services

DES MOINES -- Governor Tom Vilsack today submitted a plan to the Legislative Oversight Committee for a new department that will streamline state administrative services.

The proposal would consolidate the Departments of General Services, Information Technology, and Personnel, the Iowa Communications Network, and part of the Department of Revenue and Finance.

Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally Pederson will ask the legislature to approve the merger during the 2002 session.

If the proposal is approved, Vilsack and Pederson intend to nominate Mollie Anderson, the current director of the Department of Personnel, to lead the new Department of Administrative Services.

"Mollie Anderson has the track record and vision to successfully manage the change," Vilsack said.

Anderson has been Iowa's human resources director since Vilsack appointed her to the post in April 1999. She has almost two decades of management experience in both the public and private sectors. Anderson was selected for the 2001 Toll Fellowship program, a nationally prestigious honor for emerging leaders in the public sector, and the 2001 Eugene H. Rooney, Jr. Award for Leadership from the National Association of State Personnel Executives.

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